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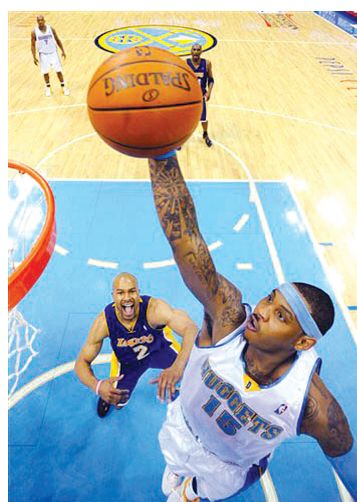


Ricardo Najera, spokesman for Mexico's Attorney General Office, speaks during a press conference in Mexico City, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Federal forces detained 10 mayors and 18 officials Tuesday for allegedly protecting one of Mexico's most violent cartels in an unprecedented anti-corruption sweep in the Pacific coast state of Michoacan.

See *INTERNATIONAL NEWS*

SPORTS NEWS

ROCKY MT. FLY



Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony (15) goes up for a basket over the top of Los Angeles Lakers guard Derek Fisher during the second half of Game 4 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals Monday, May 25, 2009, in Denver.

See *Sports Today*

In The Seroe Colorado

SS Oranjestad's Propeller Awaits On Her Final Destination



ORANJESTAD - On April 18th this year, after 67 years, a dive team consisting of: Percy Sweetnam, Dick de Bruin, Andre Loonstra, Rigo Hoencamp, and Paulus Martijn, salvaged the propeller of the lake tanker SS Oranjestad. When the salvage project was completed several steps were taken for the realization of a WWII monument. This SS Oranjestad lies in front of the refinery in a depth of 225 feet/69 meters.

The propeller becomes part of a WWII monument in the Seroe Colorado. The monument will be dedicated to those who lost their lives during WWII while in Aruba working for and defending the refinery and the island that supplied a large portion of the fuel used by the Allies. The historical torpedo attacks on the Aruban coast were done by a German submarine, U-156, on the early morning of February

16, 1942. The torpedoed tanker, SS Oranjestad was the first tanker to be sunk in Aruba and the entire western hemisphere, where 15 of her crew members lost their lives

that early morning.

Recently, the propeller was professionally cleaned by a well-known cleaning company Mourik Caribbean N.V. in San Nicolas. With the newest technics, they removed the sticking corals. The original bronze color came up and shined directly under the Aruban sun.

Aruban historian, Dufi Kock, and the dive team started the SS Oranjestad Memorial Committee and opened a bank account at the Caribbean Mercantile – Noord branch, where interested people can give donations for the WWII monument.

The SS Oranjestad Memorial Committee has contacted the office of the Minister of Culture, Mr. Ramon Lee to discuss possible sites that the government could make available for the monument. It is hoped that the decision of the site can be made as soon as possible by Minister Ramon Lee in order to be in time for the groundbreaking ceremony by June 23, during

the Lago Aruba Reunion of the ex-Lago people, many of whom were there during the attacks. Approximately 200 Lagoites with their families will be in Aruba for this reunion and we expect many more if we can provide positive confirmation of the groundbreaking ceremony during the reunion.

Should you wish to make a donation, please do so at the Caribbean Mercantile Bank – Noord branch at Palm Beach 4-B, the SS Oranjestad Memorial Committee, bank account number 60373310. If you have any questions, please call 584-1201/592-4917/563-9079. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on this project, go to www.lago-colony.com, under the link SS Oranjestad or World War II, where you will find the Aruba WWII history, including information on the salvaging of the propeller. You will also find three short films on youtube, part I, II, & III. □



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ORANJESTAD - The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.

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in assisting guests with the perfect cocktail, paired wine or other beverages.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu, or Profiteroles au Chocolat Chaud. The best part about such a good ending is that it guarantees you'll be back for more...



Casa Tua Barcelona Downtown open from 11.30am to 10.30pm, Sunday from 5pm to 11pm. For more info or reservations please call or ask your concierge. Please call Downtown: 588 5695

Driftwood Authentic Aruban Seafood Restaurant offers diners the ultimate dining experience in freshly line caught fish.

ORANJESTAD - Why should seafood enthusiast and other diners alike go to Driftwood Restaurant? Well let's start by mentioning that their fish is caught daily by the owner himself and prepared by a local chef. "Just like mama makes it." The food is fresh, the staff is friendly, and the place is definitely buzzing. If you want to catch your own fresh fish and can't stay for a sit-down dinner, enjoy their Charter Fishing trip and have them prepare it for you. Trust me; it doesn't get any fresher than this: From pier to plate as their motto says.



Fried fish would be the common choice, but you can get your entrée broiled, grilled or baked. However you can indulge in the more guilty options for lobster, Alaskan king crab legs, grouper, shrimp, Black Angus tenderloin and so forth. Ease your

conscience and add a salad or go all out and try their delicious crab cakes, fish soup, garlic escargots, lobster crepe and coconut shrimps before your hearty entrée.



While seafood stars at Driftwood, fish-phobic diners will not go hungry. They have a staggeringly vast menu, which doesn't miss much of anything, from authentic Aruban seafood, lobster, Alaskan king crab legs to chicken, lamb or steaks.

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Restaurant information and reservation: open daily (closed on Tuesdays) from 5pm-10:30pm. Tel. 583-2515. Located at Klipstraat 12 in the heart of downtown Oranjestad, within driving distance from the resorts. □



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Pre-Inspection Visit of Transportation Security Administration



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will be implemented shortly at the airport.

AAA looks back at a very successful pre-inspection visit and is very happy with the obtained results of recent months. The representative of TSA, Mr. Allan Hurr, together with the representative of

the Department of Civil Aviation, Mr. Claudio Quant were present. On behalf of AAA were Mr. Mario Bikker, Managing Director a.i., Mrs. Angeline Flemming, Security Manager and Mr. Eduardo Wix, Head of Security Inspections. □



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The Besaril de Kort family enjoys a double celebration



PALM BEACH – Scarlet, the church of Noord last 10, and Alec, 9, received Saturday. their first Eucharist at Their Holy Communion

preparations included confession, but they are not prepared to share any of the experience explaining it was private.

The clever and good looking pair, and their parents, dad banker Carlo Besaril, RBTT and mom Jelitza de Kort of Telearuba, welcomed family members and friends as they gathered at the Sunset Grille Restaurant for lunch under Hiram Zievinger's watchful eye, making sure they all had a wonderful time. □



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At Divi Links

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or call 526-6505. year's Radisson Charity Golf
Photos show some of the Classic at the Divi Links. □

PALM BEACH - Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa will once again host its annual Charity Golf Classic, which is slated to take place on the 30th of May, 2009, at Divi Links. In the past few years the tournament has been successful in raising thousands of dollars for charities such as Imeldahof Children's Home, the Wilhelmina Cancer Fund and the World Childhood Foundation. This year's Charity Golf Classic will benefit the Wilhelmina Cancer Fund, which helps cancer patients on the island, providing everything from counseling to nursing assistance, free of charge. Also receiving funds will be the World Childhood Foundation, which believes that every child has a right to a childhood, to security, joy, playfulness and curiosity about life. While everyone has the right to grow up and develop socially and intellectually, many children

are deprived of these, their most fundamental rights and never have a chance to live a fulfilling life. The mission of World Childhood Foundation is to defend the rights of the child and to promote better living conditions for vulnerable children at risk all over the world. The World Childhood Foundation wants to give all children the opportunity to develop into strong, secure and responsible human beings. The foundation is championed by founder, her royal highness Silvia, Queen of Sweden who is a mother of three. Registration for the charity tournament will begin at 9:00 am on May 30th, at the Divi Links. The tournament will start at 9:30 am, and after the event there will be a cocktail reception. There will be plenty of prizes to go around, including weekend stays, dinner certificates and

spa treatments, as well as a special surprise for the guys. Radisson's Rooms Manager Narshell Gibbs is once again working hard to make sure that this year's tournament will be better than ever, and has already received a lot of support from the local community. Sponsors of the Radisson Charity Golf Classic include Romar Trading, Compra, Divi Resort, Coopers Tires, Aruba Muffler & Service Center, Playa Linda, Westin Aruba, CMB, Brown Lawyers, Aruba Trading Company, Consales Aruba, Intermezzo Spa, De Palm Island, BCR Support, Morgan's Waterpark, El Gaucho, Travis Fireworks, Unique Watersports of Aruba, Divi Links, Larimar Spa, Radisson St. Martin and Radisson Aruba. Those who want to participate in the tournament or are interested in sponsoring can contact Narshell at

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The club's new location offers plenty of parking and easy access, on the Sasakiweg, just above Leen Bakker & De Arend.

The new facility features a large group exercise room with a menu of more than 30 weekly classes and a Spinning room with 24 bikes, a kids' club, an espresso bar, and in September the Star Trac fitness and cardio room, will be accepting members. Opening Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm and Sunday from 9:30 am to noon, you may call Tel. 582-8132 for more information or E-mail info@santosa-aruba.com. □





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Friendship turns to marriage

Justin & Lindsey wed at Aruba's historical Town Hall



EAGLE -Justin Taylor of Houma, Louisiana and Lindsey Beard of Athens, Georgia wed at Town Hall on May 25, 2009. The lovebirds met in November 2008, thanks to a coworker who suggested she had the perfect guy for her to meet. Justin received a MMS photo of Lindsey that day and a text message "Do you want to meet." Their first date was at Starbuck's which was only a



30 minute distance from their residence in South Carolina. Since that day they have remained great friends with a lot in common.

While taking a trip to Charleston and an 11 hour layover they decided to buy a fake engagement ring so they can relax at the U.S.O lounge for military persons since Justin was in the Marine Corps. On the day of buying a fake ring Lindsey jokingly said "I would marry you" and Justin replied jokingly " If you were the last woman on earth I would ask." At dinner that night they told Lindsey's brother the story about their fake engagement and at that moment Justin got down on bended knee and asked her to marry him, jokingly of course.

Their trip was fantastic and their friendship evolved with feelings for each other.

In April they both needed to get away and decided on a vacation to Aruba as friends. Lindsey needed to go to Mexico for work and Justin stayed behind and they SMS all day. On one of the messages he asked Lindsey "While in Aruba would you like to get married and Lindsey replied back "Yes let's do it". This

couple truly is amazing and through their friendship they made a forever commitment.

They enjoyed shopping for a real engagement ring and started planning a fast marriage through Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies and Celebrations in Aruba.

On May 25, 2009 they both said "I Do" at the historical Town Hall.

Even though the proposal came out of left field, I had peace in my heart that I never felt before as I vowed my love to be his wife, I always knew Justin had feelings for me, His eyes said it all and I followed my heart," stated Lindsey.

That evening at Eagle beach Bella Aruba Photography took a Once in a lifetime photo shoot of the newlyweds as the sunset.

Their romantic dinner took place at the legendary Buccaneer Restaurant where they both were mesmerized by the aquatic beauty of the 7, 500 galloon aquarium. They enjoyed a bottle of wine while eating crab legs and Surf and Turf.

Congratulations from Aruba Today!!!

Photos by Angela Munzenhofer of Bella Aruba Photography





Evelyn Climo & Francis Perrin honored at the Aruba Beach Club Resort

ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Aruba Beach Club vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honorings were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach they call their home away from home. Evelyn Climo & Francis Perrin were honored as distinguished visitors after visiting Aruba for 11 years consecutive.

On picture Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Evelyn & Francis and also Izaira from the Aruba Beach Club. □



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process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar case is specially designed for the cigars with the logo 'Aruhiba' and 'Made in Aruba'. Petrochi considers 'Aruhiba' a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

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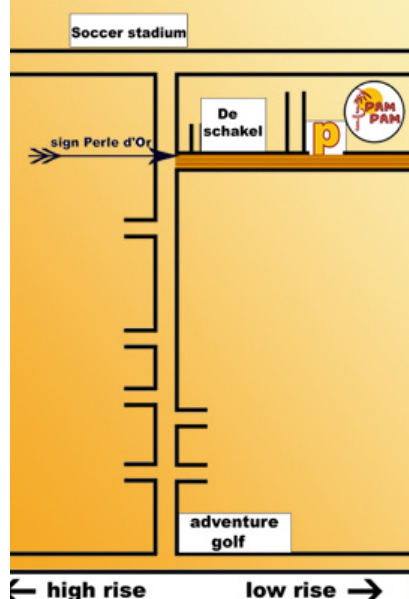
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Jewell celebrates her holy communion



PALM BEACH -- Jewell Boeldag, 9, beautiful daughter of professional photographer Eric Boeldak with Mariela, was one of the sixty school children celebrating their first holy communion last Saturday at the church of Noord.

Dad reports his princess enjoyed the hour long mass service and looked forward to the family get together at



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Jewell was very comfortable in front of the camera posing

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PALM BEACH – On Monday May 11th a group of 20 students were welcomed by Marriott's Executive Committee and Training Manager Hely Regales to kick off the start of their 6-week training program at various departments of the Aruba Marriott properties. The group of students is following education at University of Aruba (14) as well as EPI (6). Reason for the 6-week program at Marriott is for the students to find out what it is like to really work in the hospitality industry and if they would really want to pursue a career in this field.

For the second year the Aruba Marriott properties work with UvA and EPI to help students identify their specific interests for the future. The participants coming from the University are all in their first year of the Hospitality program that is offered there and for the majority of these students the experience in the work field at Marriott is their first encounter with the hospitality business.

Each of the 20 students will participate in a rotating schedule so they will have the opportunity to get experience at a variety of departments and explore their own interests. All 3 Marriott properties, the Marriott hotel, Ocean Club and Surf Club are hosting these students.

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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Ah, how we hate taking a wrong turn. Of course, sometimes we have to take personal responsibility that we were either exploring or not following directions and end up in a dead end road. Getting lost symbolically means you are worried about an impending move.

In Medieval Latin *vertere* “to turn” evolves into turning into a side street or “byway,” with the Latin “diverticulum”. In medicine today a diverticulum is a pouch or sac that has formed in the lining of the mucous membrane of a hollow organ, especially in the bowel when the muscle ruptures the bowel wall. Ouch! This condition is called diverticulitis, a fancy word for intestinal inflammation that causes the colon walls to collapse into pockets of infected material. This causes severe abdominal pain, often with fever and constipation.

Lately two of my buddies have developed diverticulitis and both should know better. They just lost their way, hopefully momentarily. Both have been told by allopathic doctors that they have to increase their dietary fiber and “live with the disease” by taking drugs for the rest of their lives.

My buddies know where they took the wrong turn, by not staying on their metabolic food list which resulted in a binge of processed foods and poor digestion. Poor digestion results in two primary problems. Food is not broken down into the elemental building blocks necessary for the body to rebuild itself and generate energy. Secondly, bad digestion results in

food remnants in the gut causing several pathological reactions.

Poor digestion irritates the intestines, causing an increase in the rate material goes across the cells in the intestinal wall. Undigested protein can then leak across into the lymph system and then into general circulation, with the immune system reacting to the foreign invaders. The immune system becomes overtaxed and runs down. With depleted oxygen and fuel, the immune cells wear out faster and do not reproduce properly.

Undigested food can also become a breeding ground for *Candida albicans* and parasites. Candidiasis, a yeast infection produces toxins that cause increased digestion dysfunction, food allergies, fatigue and a host of other problems. This causes the immune system to become even further depressed.

The inflammation causes further damage by producing free radicals as waste by-products. Then, negatively charged oxygen molecules begin to chop holes in cell membranes in an attempt to grab a positive charge. This results in further damage to the intestinal walls and ever increasing permeability. The “leaky gut syndrome” increases with more food particles going into the blood.

As a Traditional Chinese Medical physician I believe that the physical action of the colon is to separate the “pure from the not-pure”. From our colon we absorb water, electrolytes and some vitamins, especially the B types. However, the majority of bowel content is expelled from the body and, thus, the emotional aspect

of the organ is about “letting go issues”. In our clinic I have never met a sick colon, whose mind was not grappling with emotional issues that they could not let go.

Internists while performing colonoscopy see pockets which indicate an unhealthy colon. Doctors report that over 50% of Westerners possess diverticulum. Diverticulitis colae can be serious by creating an opening or passage between the colon and the bladder. Some people will show residual fecal material trapped in these pockets. Some have held onto the stool pockets for decades. A toxic dumpsite like this is dangerous because the poisons consistently leak into your blood and lymphatic systems.

As for the advise to increase your fiber, watch out! If your blood type is O and you use an over-the-counter wheat product to increase your fiber you will feel worse. Wheat husks react negatively to O blood types, thickening your blood and producing gas. The difference in colon bacteria and blood group antigens in the colon are reasons that different blood groups seem to do better on different types of fibers. Brown rice works well for all blood types.

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California Supreme Court Upholds Prop 8

The Nation -- As expected the California Supreme Court upheld Proposition 8 by a vote of 6-1. It also ruled that the 18,000 same-sex couples who got married last year are still married. It's a long and technical decision (about 180 pages) with two concurring opinions and a concurring and dissenting opinion--so I haven't fully digested it. But two things to note: First, under California law, there is no material difference between marriage and domestic partnership. Not one of those 18,000 married couples got any new rights or benefits that California's DP did not already provide; they only acquired the term marriage itself. Of course, as a state, California cannot grant any of the federally provided rights and benefits of marriage, but as a matter of state law, the two categories are substantively equal. Indeed, in part, that's why the court held that Prop 8 was an amendment to the CA constitution, and not a broader, more fundamental revision, which would have required more than just an up or down popular vote. As the majority opinion argues: Instead the measure carves out a narrow and limited exception to these constitutional rights, reserving the official designation of the term "marriage" for the union of opposite-sex couples...but leaving undisturbed all the other extremely significant substantive aspects of a same-sex couple's state constitutional right to establish an officially recognized and protected family relationship...

I know people's emotions are very raw now; there are dozens of rallies planned around the country tonight. That's all fine and good. But the decision on whether or not to sink massive dollars and resources into an initiative to reverse Prop 8 in 2010 (remember, Prop 8 was the second most expensive election in the country in 2008; only the presidency cost more), should take this relative equality into account. There are dozens of states where same-sex couples have no partnership rights whatsoever; states where it is still legal to fire someone because they are gay; a federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act is still stalled in Congress. Aren't those better and more inclusive movement goals than an uphill initiative that would give same-sex couples the M-word in one state only?

Second, Justice Kathryn Werdegard's concurring opinion contained a tantalizing thread of argument. She joined with the majority in upholding Prop 8, but also wrote:

...all three branches of the government continue to have the duty...to eliminate the remaining important differences between marriage and domestic partnership, both in substance and perception. □



Obama's Past May Aid Sotomayor Critics

David Paul Kuhn

President Obama's political problem, to the extent one can exist on a pick almost surely to succeed, is now as much his background as Sonia Sotomayor's. Obama voted against President George W. Bush's two Supreme Court nominees, John Roberts and Sam Alito. Obama also supported the Democratic filibuster of Alito's nomination. It remains to be seen how vehemently conservatives will challenge Sotomayor. But it's clear Obama chose a candidate that will arouse conservatives in opposition rather than one who will simply irk them, and this White House knew it.

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That conservatives' philosophical critique can be broken down into one sound bite is of little benefit to a president that has already failed to make good on his promise to lessen partisan polarization.

In a quote you will see looped until she is confirmed, Sotomayor sat on a Duke University panel in February 2005 and said that the U.S. Court of Appeals "is where

policy is made."

"All of the legal defense funds out there, they're looking for people with Court of Appeals experience. Because it is, Court of Appeals is where policy is made," she said in a professorial tone. Aware of the gravity of the comment, she offered a casual caveat. "And I know, and I know, that this is on tape, and I should never say that. Because we don't," putting her hands up to signify air quotes, "make law, I know." As the audience laughed, she continued, "Okay, I know. I know. I'm not promoting it, and I'm not advocating it. I'm, you know. Having said that, the Court of Appeals is where, before the Supreme Court makes the final decision, the law is percolating. It's interpretation, it's application."

This comment will likely evoke serious scrutiny from conservatives and perhaps their allies in the Senate, over what Sotomayor believes the judicial branch's role should be in making policy and what the parameters are for that power.

Democrats' difficulty ahead is that Obama contested Alito's nomination for reasons beyond his expertise in the law.

"I have no doubt that Judge Alito has the training and

qualifications necessary to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. He's a smart guy, there's no indication that he is not a man of good character," Obama said in January 2006. "But, when you look at his record, what is clear is that when it comes to his understanding of the Constitution, he consistently sides on behalf of the powerful against the powerless."

So now conservatives will deconstruct Sotomayor. Like Obama with Alito, conservatives have broad philosophical reasons to take issue with Sotomayor. They will see if they too can frame her in populist oppositional tone, but likely in terms of culture instead of class. Those remain the fault lines of party politics.

How dearly though do conservatives want this fight? There is fundraising potential. There is the chance to galvanize a weary base. There is the opportunity to paint Obama as a liberal on domestic policy. But there is also the reality that almost any fight against Sotomayor will likely fail. There is the most visible GOP problem of challenging potentially the first Hispanic justice at the very moment Republicans are attempting to win back Hispanics. □



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, May 26, 2009. U.S. stocks rose on Tuesday after data from an industry group showed that consumer confidence rose in May, boosting optimism that the recession may be abating, and a broker upgrade of Apple Inc lifted technology stocks.

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By TIM PARADIS and
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NEW YORK — Consumers are getting more confident about the economy, and Wall Street is tagging along.

Stocks surged Tuesday, posting their first big win in a week after a research group said consumer sentiment rose in May to the highest level since September.

Major stock indicators jumped more than 2 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which added 196 points.

The day's gains nudged the Standard & Poor's 500 index back into the plus column for the year and leaves the Nasdaq composite index up 11 percent in 2009. The Dow is still down 3.5 percent.

Investors started buying enthusiastically after the Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index vaulted to 54.9 from 40.8, soaring past the 42.3 that economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters forecast.

Wall Street has been watching the index for signs of whether consumers might start shopping more or buy big-ticket items like cars and homes. Spending by consumers makes up more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity, making their confidence critical for the nation to pull out of recession.

"The consumer confidence figure is one that no one really pinned a lot of hopes

Stocks jump after consumer confidence level surges

on as going higher," said Jim King, chief investment officer at National Penn Investors Trust Co.

With unemployment still high and expected to go higher, many market watchers thought the mood on Main Street would remain gloomy.

Traders saw green on their screens on the first day back from a long weekend but the compressed week could still trip up the market. Data are due on home sales as well as

the economy's overall output in the first three months of the year, and investors will be eyeing General Motors Corp. as its June 1 restructuring deadline approaches.

The Dow rose 196.17, or 2.4 percent, to 8,473.49. The S&P 500 index rose 23.33, or 2.6 percent, to 910.33, and the Nasdaq rose 58.42, or 3.5 percent, to 1,750.43.

Analysts said the day's gains reveal how jumpy the market still is and warned that it could

show a similar quick reaction to bad news.

"What we see is lot of nervous money on the sidelines so it's sort of this game of chicken when people don't want to be left out of a more sustained rally," said Chris Cordaro, chief investment officer at RegentAtlantic Capital LLC. Investors have been questioning whether the stock market's massive two-month run can be sustained given the continuing weakness in the

global economy in areas like housing and unemployment. Since it closed at 8,574.65 on May 8, the Dow has traded within a 300-point range, lifted by positive news like Tuesday's consumer reading but also hurt by nagging worries about the economy.

The Dow is up 29.4 percent from its 12-year low hit on March 9, but even with the recent gains it's still 40.2 percent below its peak in October 2007. □



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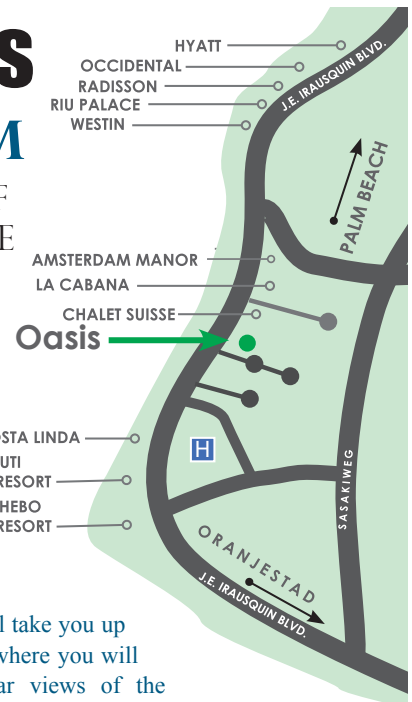
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Great comments for Marqués de Cáceres wines at tasting sessions



ORANJESTAD - The wine tasting sessions at the Westin Resort, held last Friday for the trade, were a big hit. Local wine importers showed off their latest lines and there were several seminars, held in the elegant ballrooms of the resort. There was lots of interest

for the Spanish Marqués de Cáceres wines, imported by the Arion Wine Company. Sommelier and wine specialist Jorge Miranda-Sanchez of this great vineyard was on the island for the occasion. About 75 interested people attended his seminars. These wine

tastings were set up together with the Aruba Trading Company; they formed part of the Aruba Wine, Food & Art event of last weekend. Wines tasted were the Marqués de Cáceres Blanco Joven, the Rosado and the Rioja Crianza. Their fruitiness, overtones and



aftertaste were the topics of lively discussions. Photos show Mr. Miranda-Sanchez in action. □





Same-sex marriage advocates block a street after the California State Supreme Court ruled in San Francisco, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The California Supreme Court upheld a voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage Tuesday, but it also decided that the estimated 18,000 gay couples who tied the knot before the law took effect will stay wed.

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Army chief: U.S. ready to be in Iraq 10 years

TOM CURLEY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is prepared to leave fighting forces in Iraq for as long as a decade despite an agreement between the United States and Iraq that would bring all American troops home by 2012, the top U.S. Army officer said Tuesday.

Gen. George Casey, the Army chief of staff, said the world remains dangerous and unpredictable, and the Pentagon must plan for extended U.S. combat and stability operations in two wars. "Global trends are pushing in the wrong direction," Casey said.

"They fundamentally will change how the Army works."

He spoke at an invitation-only briefing to a dozen



In this image taken on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, soldiers with Charlie Company, 1-18 Combined Arms Battalion, 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, stand during a routine patrol near the holy Shiite shrine of Imam Kazim in Baghdad. Kazimiyah is an especially sensitive neighborhood. An attack that damages the Imam Kazim shrine could re-ignite the kind of brutal violence that followed the bombing of another important Shiite mosque north of Baghdad in 2006.

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journalists and policy analysts from Washington-based think-tanks. He said his planning envisions combat troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for a

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Obama picks Hispanic for US high court



President Barack Obama announces federal appeals court judge Sonia Sotomayor, right, as his nominee for the Supreme Court, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, in an East Room ceremony at the White House in Washington.

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STEVEN R. HURST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Tuesday nominated judge Sonia Sotomayor to become America's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice, in his first opportunity to shape the country's powerful top tribunal.

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South Koreans watch a television broadcasting undated image a North Korea launch missile at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. North Korea reportedly tested two more short-range missiles Tuesday, thumbing its nose at global powers hours after the U.N. Security Council condemned the regime's provocative nuclear test. The letters on the screen read "Launched two short-range missiles."

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Report: North Korea tests missiles, restarts nuke plant

HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has restarted its weapons-grade nuclear power plant and fired its sixth short-range missile, news reports said Wednesday, in a growing standoff with world powers following its latest nuclear test.

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Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, before a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on the Army's budget.

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Casey's calculations about force levels are related to his attempt to ease the brutal deployment calendar that he said would "bring the Army to its knees."

Casey would not specify how many combat units would be split between Iraq and Afghanistan. He said U.S. ground commander Gen. Ray Odierno is leading a study to determine how far U.S. forces could be cut back in Iraq

and still be effective. Casey said his comments about the long war in Iraq were not meant to conflict with Obama administration policies.

President Barack Obama plans to bring U.S. combat forces home from Iraq in 2010, and the United States and Iraq have agreed that all American forces would leave by 2012. Although several senior U.S. officials have suggested Iraq could request an extension, the legal agreement the two countries signed last year

would have to be amended for any significant U.S. presence to remain.

As recently as February, Defense Secretary Robert Gates reiterated the U.S. commitment to the agreement worked out with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

"Under the Status of Forces Agreement with the Iraqi government, I intend to remove all U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of 2011," Gates said during an address at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. "We will complete this transition to Iraqi responsibility, and we will bring our troops home with the honor that they have earned."

The United States currently has about 139,000 troops in Iraq and 52,000 in Afghanistan.

Obama campaigned on ending the Iraq war as quickly as possible and refocusing U.S. resources on what he called the more important fight in Afghanistan.

That will not mean a major influx of U.S. fighting forces on the model of the Iraq "surge," however. Obama has

agreed to send about 21,000 combat forces and trainers to Afghanistan this year. Combined with additional forces approved before former President George W. Bush left office, the United States is expected to have about 68,000 troops in Afghanistan by the end of this year. That's about double the total at the end of 2008, but Obama's top military and civilian advisers have indicated the number is unlikely to grow much beyond that.

Casey said several times that he wasn't the person making policy, but the military was preparing to have a fighting force deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan for years to come. Casey said his planning envisions 10 combat brigades plus command and support forces committed to the two wars.

When asked whether the Army had any measurement for knowing how big it should be, Casey responded, "How about the reality scenario?"

This scenario, he said, must take into account that "we're

going to have 10 Army and Marine units deployed for a decade in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Casey stressed that the United States must be ready to take on sustained fights in the Middle East while meeting other commitments.

Casey reiterated statements made by civilian and military leaders that the situation in Afghanistan would get worse before it gets better. "There's going to be a big fight in the South," he said.

Casey added that training of local police and military in Afghanistan was at least a couple of years behind the pace in Iraq, and it would be months before the U.S. deployed enough trainers. There's a steeper curve before training could be effective in Afghanistan, requiring three to five years before Afghanistan could reach the "tipping point" of control. He also said the U.S. had to be careful about what assets get deployed to Afghanistan. "Anything you put in there would be in there for a decade," he said. □

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White House merging national, homeland security

ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)

— President Barack Obama announced Tuesday he is combining White House staffs dealing with international and homeland security and predicted the change will make Americans safer.

Obama also is creating a new office intended to communicate more effectively with other countries about U.S. security policy.

The Homeland Security Council, created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, will be kept as a venue for discussing issues relating to domestic security, including terror, weapons of mass destruction, natural disasters and pandemic influenza. Its staff will be integrated into the National Security Council.

"These decisions reflect the fundamental truth that the challenges of the 21st century are increasingly unconventional and transnational, and therefore demand a response that effectively integrates all aspects of American power," Obama said in a written statement.

The president's national security adviser, retired Marine Gen. James Jones, told

reporters the reorganization reflects the view that national security has both foreign and domestic components.

"What this does is recognize the world as it is, not as it was or as we perhaps wish it would be," Jones said.

"The idea that somehow counterterrorism is a homeland security issue doesn't make sense when you recognize the fact that terror around the world doesn't recognize borders." Similarly, issues like energy and cyber security need to be part of an integrated National Security Council, he said.

Fran Townsend, who was President George W. Bush's top adviser on homeland security and counterterror, said in an e-mail exchange Tuesday that the important issue is not how the White House is organized.

"It has been my view that Homeland Security Council organization is less important than having direct access to the president and adequate resources," Townsend said. "The administration's new (security) organization will require the necessary resource allocations across the broad spectrum of threats against the United States. Gen. Jones and John Brennan are experienced, competent officials up to the task."

Brennan is the president's



Canadian Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, left, and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano shake hands after signing a pact, known as the Shiprider program, in Detroit, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The pact will allow officers with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and U.S. Coast Guard to ride each others' vessels for joint patrols and specific enforcement operations. Vessels now must stop at the border and call the other nation's agencies for help.

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assistant for homeland security and counterterror. The reorganization will retain that position.

The National Security Council has historically been centered on State Department and Pentagon matters, but Jones made clear when he joined the administration in January that he believed national security must be addressed more broadly to include economic, narco-terror, arms proliferation and other issues.

Obama said the newly

expanded National Security staff, under Jones' direction, "will end the artificial divide between White House staff who have been dealing with national security and homeland security issues." The president also is creating a new "global engagement

directorates" within the National Security Council to more effectively use diplomacy, communications and international aid to support U.S. national security. Other new positions on the council include cybersecurity and transborder security. □



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SUPREME COURT

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Obama's selection of the 54-year-old Sotomayor, whose parents moved to New York City from Puerto Rico before her birth, is an exercise of one of the most significant powers the U.S. Constitution grants the American chief executive. Sotomayor would inject youth into the aging liberal wing of

the country's highest judicial panel. Justices serve until they retire or die, giving presidents an opportunity to influence policy long after they leave office. Obama's nomination is the first by a Democratic president in 15 years.

There is the possibility that Obama, before his four-year term is out, may be given the opportunity for more

appointments, allowing him to reshape the court that has, in recent years, moved to the right with President George W. Bush's choice of conservative Justice Samuel Alito Jr.

The White House announcement ceremony was a picture of diversity, the first black president, appointing the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice, joined by Vice President Joe Biden, who is white. Obama said he selected Sotomayor based on his search for a candidate with a "rigorous intellect" and "a mastery of the law" and one who recognized "the limits of the judicial role."

Sotomayor said "my heart today is bursting with gratitude" and called the nomination the "most humbling honor of my life." Before selecting the nominee, Obama had said he was looking for a

prospective high court justice who would bring "empathy" to the bench, a judge capable of understanding the effects of high court rulings on the lives of Americans.

Standing next of Obama in the White House East Room, Sotomayor echoed that point, recalling a childhood spent in low income housing in New York's Bronx borough, as well as her legal career: "I strive never to forget the real world consequences of my decisions on individuals, businesses and government."

If confirmed by the Senate, she would succeed retiring Justice David Souter, one of four reliably liberal votes on the nine-member court, and would be expected to vote with the liberal bloc.

There are four equally dependable conservative votes, leaving Justice Anthony

Kennedy, a centrist, to cast the deciding ballot when the other members split 4-4.

Sotomayor would join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the second woman on the current court, the third in history. Former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman on the Supreme Court.

Obama's Democrats are just one Senate vote shy of the 60 necessary to prevent a Republican filibuster, a tactic designed to delay or defeat a proposal. But going into the confirmation process an outright Republican attempt to block Sotomayor appeared unlikely.

Senate Republicans pledged to give her a fair hearing, and some questioned whether she would base decisions on her personal feelings, rather than constitutional principles.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee, issued a statement saying it will be up to the Senate to determine "if Ms. Sotomayor understands that the proper role of a judge is to act as a neutral umpire of the law, calling balls and strikes fairly without regard to one's own personal preferences or political views." □

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California's top court upholds gay marriage ban

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— The California Supreme Court upheld a voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage Tuesday, but it also decided that the estimated 18,000 gay couples who wed before the law took effect will stay married.

Demonstrators outside the court yelled “shame on you!” The 6-1 decision written by Chief Justice Ron George rejected an argument by gay rights activists that the ban revised the California Constitution’s equal protection clause to such a dramatic degree that it first needed the Legislature’s approval.

The court said Californians have a right, through the ballot box, to change their constitution. “In a sense, petitioners’ and the attorney general’s complaint is that it is just too easy to amend the California Constitution through the initiative process. But it is not a proper function of this court to curtail that process; we are constitutionally bound to uphold it,” the ruling said. The justices said the 136-page majority ruling does not speak to whether they agree with the measure, Proposition 8, or “believe it should be a part of the California Constitution.” They said they were “limited to interpreting and applying the principles and rules embodied in the California Constitution, setting aside our own personal beliefs and values.”

The announcement of the decision set off an outcry

among a sea of demonstrators who had gathered in front of the San Francisco courthouse awaiting the ruling. Holding signs and many waving rainbow flags, they yelled “shame on you.” Many people also held hands in a chain around an intersection in an act of protest. Gay rights activists immediately promised to resume their fight, saying they would go back to voters as early as next year in a bid to repeal Proposition 8.

The split decision provided some relief for the 18,000 gay couples who married in the brief time same-sex marriage was legal last year but that wasn’t enough to dull the anger over the ruling that banned gay marriage.

“It’s not about whether we get to stay married. Our fight is far from over,” said Jeannie Rizzo, 62, who was one of the lead plaintiffs along with her wife, Polly Cooper. “I have about 20 years left on this earth, and I’m going to continue to fight for equality every day.”

The state Supreme Court had ruled last May that it was unconstitutional to deny gay couples the right to wed. Many same-sex couples had rushed to get married before the November vote on Proposition 8, fearing it could be passed.

When the proposition did pass, gay rights activists went back to the court arguing that the ban was improperly put to voters and amounted to a revision — which required legislative approval — not an amendment. That was

the issue justices decided Tuesday.

“After comparing this initiative measure to the many other constitutional changes that have been reviewed and evaluated in numerous prior decisions of this court, we conclude Proposition 8 constitutes a constitutional amendment rather than a constitutional revision,” the ruling said.

Justice Carlos Moreno wrote the dissenting opinion disagreeing that the proposition did not change the constitution’s equal protection clause. He said the law denying same-sex couples the right to wed “strikes at the core of the promise of equality that underlies our California Constitution.” He said it represents a “drastic



Shawn Higgins, hugs his boyfriend Robert Franco as police surround them during a street protest following a court ruling on gay marriage in San Francisco, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The California Supreme Court upheld a voter approved ban on same-sex marriage Tuesday.

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South Korean protesters with defaced photos of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il shout slogans during a rally against North Korea's nuclear test near the U.S. embassy in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. North Korea was likely preparing to fire short range missiles off its western coast, a news report said Tuesday, a day after the country defied world powers and carried out an underground test of a nuclear bomb.

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The missile launches over the past two days came as leaders around the world condemned North Korea for Monday's underground nuclear test and the U.N. Security Council debated possible new sanctions against the communist nation.

Retaliatory options were limited, however, and no one was talking publicly about military action.

South Korea's mass-circulation Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported that U.S. spy satellites have detected steam coming from a reprocessing facility at North Korea's main Yongbyon nuclear plant, indicating the North has restarted the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel rods to harvest weapons-grade plutonium.

Its report quoted unnamed officials. South Korea's Defense Ministry and the National Intelligence Service — the country's main spy agency — said they cannot confirm the report. The North had said it would begin reprocessing in protest over international criticism of its April 5 rocket launch.

North Korea also test-fired three short-range missiles Tuesday, including one late at night, from the east coast city of Hamhung, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency. South Korea's spy chief confirmed two other missiles were launched Monday, but reports put the number at three Monday for a total of six.

More could be planned. North Korea has warned ships to stay away from waters off its west coast through Wednesday, suggesting more test flights.

Details of Monday's nuclear test may take days to confirm, but Russian defense officials said the blast was roughly as strong as the bombs dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II and was stronger than North Korea's first test in 2006.

In New York, U.N. diplomats said key nations were discussing a Security Council resolution that could include new sanctions against North Korea.

Ambassadors from the five permanent veto-wielding council members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — as well as

Japan and South Korea were expected to meet soon, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the meeting is private. The Security Council met in emergency session Monday and condemned the nuclear test. Council members said they would follow up with a new legally binding resolution.

France's deputy U.N. ambassador Jean-Pierre Lacroix said his government wants a resolution to "include new sanctions ... because this behavior must have a cost and a price to pay."

It was too early to say what those sanctions might be and whether China and Russia, both close allies of North Korea, will go along.

In an unusual step, China strongly reproached its close ally.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu reiterated that Beijing "resolutely opposed" the nuclear test. It urged Pyongyang to return to negotiations under which it had agreed to dismantle its atomic program.

North Korea is "trying to test whether they can intimidate the international community" with its nuclear and missile activity, said Susan Rice, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"But we are united, North Korea is isolated, and pressure on North Korea will increase," Rice said.

Diplomats acknowledged, however, that there were limits to the international response and that past sanctions have had only spotty results.

North Korea blamed the escalating tensions in the region on Washington, saying the U.S. was building up its forces, and defended its nuclear test as a matter of self-preservation.

An editorial in the North's Rodong Sinmun newspaper called the United States "warmongers" and said Washington's recent announcement about sending fighter planes to Japan "lay bare the sinister and dangerous scenario of the U.S. to put the Asia-Pacific region under its military control."

At the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, An Myong Han, a diplomat from the North Korean mission, said his country "could not but take additional self-defense measures, including nuclear tests and the test launch of long-range missiles, in order to safeguard our national interest."

President of Niger dissolves parliament

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NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — The president of Niger issued a decree on Tuesday dissolving the West African country's parliament after he lost a court battle to change the constitution so he could run for a third term in office.

President Mamadou Tandja's decree was read on state-owned radio, and it gave no reason for his decision for the dissolution of the assembly.

However, it came hours after Niger's constitutional court rejected Tandja's call


to change the constitution so he can run for a third term as the country's leader. Insiders say Tandja was punishing parliament for having failed to support him in his bid to do that.

Tandja won his first term in 1999 after his military predecessor was assassinated.


This month, he suggested holding a referendum on ending the two-term limit on the presidency. The issue was taken up by the parliament, which referred it to the constitutional court. The court announced late Monday that Tandja's

referendum bid would be "illegal" and that "under no circumstances can he change the constitution without violating his oath." Democracy is very much a work in progress in Africa, and only a handful of countries have had two or more successful transfers of power from one democratically elected leader to another.

Calling for a third term and trying to change the constitution to make that possible are a common strategy among entrenched African leaders trying to cling on to power.




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Mexico detains 10 mayors for alleged drug ties

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal forces detained 10 mayors and 18 other officials Tuesday for allegedly protecting one of Mexico's most violent drug cartels in an unprecedented anti-corruption sweep in the Pacific coast state of Michoacan.

Soldiers and federal agents fanned out across President Felipe Calderon's native state to carry out the operation, which an expert called a blow to the political class tied to traffickers in Michoacan.

The officials, who had been under investigation for six months, allegedly leaked sensitive information and provided protection to La Familia cartel, said Ricardo Najera, a spokesman for the federal Attorney General's Office. He declined to give more details to avoid compromising the case.

More than 200 federal agents burst into the state attorney general's office in Morelia to detain three of the officials.

Most of the mayors were from towns in a mountainous region where there have been numerous beheadings and federal agents recently found 22 methamphetamine laboratories. Among those detained was the mayor of

Uruapan, where La Familia gunmen dumped five human heads on a bar dance floor in 2006, the Attorney General's Office said in a statement.

The mayors came from different parties, including Calderon's own conservative National Action Party. The detentions of elected officials show how Mexican cartels have infiltrated the country's political structure and how far-reaching their control is in rural Mexico, said Victor Clark, an expert on trafficking based in the drug-plagued northern border city of Tijuana.

It also marks a first for the federal government, which has arrested scores of corrupt police officers in the past but has never gone after such a large group of mayors.

"This is a huge blow to the cartel. These ties are indispensable for the operation of these organizations," said Clark, director of the Binational Center for Human Rights in Tijuana. "But until now the government has never dared to touch the political classes tied to drug trafficking. For me this is an important step."

High-ranking state police officials and two municipal police chiefs were among those detained Tuesday, including



Suspected member of the Gulf Cartel Gregorio Saucedo Gamboa, center, is escorted to be presented to the press after his arrest at federal police headquarters in Mexico City, Wednesday, April 29, 2009. Gamboa, a former judicial police officer, is also an alleged member of the Gulf Cartel's group called "Los Zetas." Gamboa is one of Mexico's 24 most-wanted drug traffickers, according to federal police.

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state police academy director Mario Bautista and the state governor's adviser, Citlalli Fernandez, who also is the former public safety secretary, the Attorney General's Office said.

Meanwhile, the federal Public Safety Department paraded before the news media 11 suspected La Familia members

who were detained late Monday and early Tuesday in the states of Michoacan and Mexico, among them a former Michoacan state police officer.

Najera declined to say whether those arrests were related to the Michoacan operation. The sweep drives home Mexico's struggle to weed out

corruption in its drug fight. Many local and federal police have been arrested on charges of protecting drug cartels since Calderon launched his nationwide crackdown on organized crime in 2006. More than 10,750 people have died in drug violence since the crackdown started. □



A Jewish settler stands next to destroyed structures demolished last Thursday by Israeli troops, in the West Bank outpost of Maoz Esther, a hilltop site northeast of Ramallah, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Israel would dismantle nearly two dozen wildcat settlement outposts in the West Bank in the next few weeks if the U.S. drops its objections to continued building in existing, government-sanctioned settlements, officials said.

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Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel would dismantle nearly two dozen wildcat settlement outposts in the West Bank in the next few weeks if the U.S. drops its objections to continued building in existing, government-sanctioned settlements, officials said. Last week, President Barack Obama met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington and demanded a halt to all settlement growth. But Netanyahu has defied that

demand since his return to Israel, saying his government will continue to build homes in existing settlements.

Defense Minister Ehud Barak will bring the new proposal to senior American officials during his visit to Washington next week, the Israeli officials said.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because the proposal has not yet been officially submitted.

The wildcat outposts are a peripheral part of Israel's West Bank settlement enterprise

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Israel proposing West Bank settlement compromise to U.S.

because only a few thousand people live there, generally in tents or mobile homes. But these communities, set up to extend Israel's hold on West Bank land, have become a rallying point for settlers and their supporters and a bone of contention for Palestinians. Several have turned into full-fledged settlements.

Under the terms of the U.S.-backed "road map" plan for Mideast peace, Israel is to both take down the outposts and halt building in existing settlements. But it has flouted those obligations since the road map was signed in June 2003.

As Netanyahu comes under U.S. pressure to halt settlement and support creation of a Palestinian state, his hard-line supporters are pushing him from the other end to resist concessions.

On Tuesday, Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Yaalon and hawkish legislators from the ruling Likud Party proposed alternatives to a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. At a conference in parliament, they said Israel should annex parts of the West Bank, while turning over Palestinian population centers to Jordanian jurisdiction.

Neither the Palestinians nor Jordan accept such an

idea, and Jordan's foreign minister summoned Israel's ambassador to protest.

The legislators said past peace plans calling on Israel to give up captured land to the Palestinians have failed.

The "Western way of thinking has proven irrelevant and dangerous to this region," Yaalon said.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is to meet Obama at the White House on Thursday, and Ahmed Qureia, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said the demand for a complete settlement freeze will be the main issue.

"Any attempt to maneuver on the implementation of the road map regarding settlement activities is unacceptable," Qureia told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Abbas has said there is no point to meeting with Netanyahu unless he freezes settlement construction and agrees to open negotiations on Palestinian independence. Netanyahu has agreed to renew talks, but has resisted U.S. pressure to voice support for Palestinian statehood.

The U.S. considers the settlements — home to nearly 300,000 Israelis — obstacles to peace because they are built on captured territory the Palestinians claim for a future

state.

But Netanyahu and Barak both say the 121 existing settlements must be allowed to expand for "natural growth," the ill-defined term Israel uses for population growth in the settlements.

Settlers have put up an estimated 100 outposts since the early 1990s without government authorization but with the knowledge of an array of government officials. Under the road map, some two dozen are to be torn down. On Thursday, Israeli forces knocked down one outpost, Maoz Esther. But settlers vowed to rebuild, and on Tuesday a group of youths were at the site erecting wooden structures. No security forces were in evidence. Netanyahu has clashed with members of his hawkish Cabinet in recent days over dismantling outposts, signaling the internal difficulties he would face if he tries to take stiffer action against settlement construction. Barak, the official authorized to order outpost demolitions, has taken little action against the outposts since becoming defense minister two years ago. □



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Jordan urged to stop detentions without trial

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Associated Press Writer

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — U.S. ally Jordan must stop the detentions of thousands without trial each year and annul a 55-year-old law that allows people to be held without due process, a leading international rights group demanded Tuesday.

New York-based Human Rights Watch said this type of detention undermines the rule of law in Jordan.

The kingdom has in the past been criticized for prolonged detentions, treatment of prisoners or holding of suspects without charge, including by the U.S. State Department, although it has taken some steps to improve its human rights record and introduce more reforms.

Jordanian authorities hold more than 10,000 people every year — one in five inmates — based on the law, said Joe Stork, HRW deputy chief for

Middle East and North Africa. None go on trial and all that is required for their detention is a governor's signature, he said.

"They are detained but without the process of a judicial procedure," Stork said at a news conference in the capital Amman where HRW released a 56-page report on the practice. "It's a way of short-circuiting the judicial system."

Jordanian officials were not immediately available for comment. But Christoph Wilcke, a researcher on Jordan for Human Rights Watch, said Jordanian authorities have already agreed to take a closer look at the law and its implementation.

The report detailed what the group condemned as a widespread practice in the kingdom. It was the first time Human Rights Watch called for the abolition of the law, which the Jordan's National Center for Human Rights has

also criticized.

The 1954 law allows authorities to detain people by "a simple administrative act, without having to show, much less prove, that a crime has been committed," HRW said. The group also criticized the language of the statute as "excessively vague," allowing the detention of those considered a "danger to the people." That phrase that opens the door to routine abuse and makes it difficult to challenge such detentions in a court of law, Human Rights Watch said. "That's why it is so important that we get rid of this law and move all the criminal cases into the criminal justice system," Wilcke said. Stork said no other country in the Mideast does this, explaining why his group singled out Jordan. However, other countries in the region hold people in detention for long periods based on emergency laws or detain



Municipal workers hang Jordanian flags in Amman, Jordan on Saturday May 23 as the country prepares to celebrate its 63rd independence anniversary.

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them for political reasons.

Jordan also uses the law to hold prisoners whose sentences have expired as well as people arrested on suspicion of a crime but are granted release on bail, Human Rights Watch said. Women victims of family violence, men facing "tribal revenge," and foreigners without proper identification or residency documents are

also detained, it said.

In 2008, 14,053 people were detained in Jordan under this law, Wilcke said. But it was unclear how many had "ever committed any crime." And two years earlier, authorities detained 20,071 people, he said. Wilcke said the HRW hoped the move would "breathe new life into this discussion." □



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In this file photo taken on Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson leaves Superior Court after pleading guilty to charges of drug possession and driving under the influence stemming from a traffic stop last year as he was leaving a nightclub in Mesa, Ariz.

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Mike Tyson's daughter dies after hanging accident

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PHOENIX (AP) — The 4-year-old daughter of boxer Mike Tyson died at a hospital Tuesday, a day after her neck apparently got caught in a treadmill cord at her Phoenix home, police said.

Exodus Tyson was pronounced dead just before noon, police Sgt. Andy Hill said. She had been on life support and police have said their investigation showed her injury on Monday was a "tragic accident."

"There are no words to describe the tragic loss of our beloved Exodus," the family said in a statement. "We ask you now to please respect our need at this very difficult time for privacy to grieve and try to help each other heal."

Police said Exodus either slipped or put her head in the loop of a cord hanging under the console. Her 7-year-old brother found her and told their mother. □



Denver Nuggets' J.R. Smith (1) and Carmelo Anthony celebrate in the final minute of the Nuggets' 120-101 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers during Game 4 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals Monday, May 25, 2009, in Denver.

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NBA Roundup

Nuggets even Western finals against Lakers at 2-2

ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets evened the Western Conference finals Monday, beating the Los Angeles Lakers 120-101 in Game 4 despite a hobbled Carmelo Anthony.

Chauncey Billups and J.R. Smith scored 24 points and Kenyon Martin posted a double-double as the Nuggets claimed their eighth blowout of the postseason but first against Los Angeles following three games that came down to the final seconds.

The Nuggets didn't need to worry about a botched inbound pass in the closing seconds like the ones that cost them wins in Games 1 and 3, although Kobe Bryant had another monster fourth quarter in a furious attempt to put a stranglehold on the series that shifts to Los Angeles for Game 5 Wednesday.

Bryant, who is averaging 37 points in the series, scored 34, including 14 in the fourth

quarter.

He put a scare into the Nuggets and their fans until Smith hit back-to-back dagger 3-pointers for a 113-96 cushion. Anthony finished with a hard-fought 15 points, and Martin had 13 points and 15 boards.

The game featured four technical fouls and 84 free throws, 49 by Denver.

'Melo's shooting slump continued as he went 3-for-16 and missed his first 10 shots. Making matters worse, he turned his right ankle in the first half. At the break, he needed fluids and had his ankle retaped, then returned with a dogged determination to help the Nuggets however he could to pull even in the series.

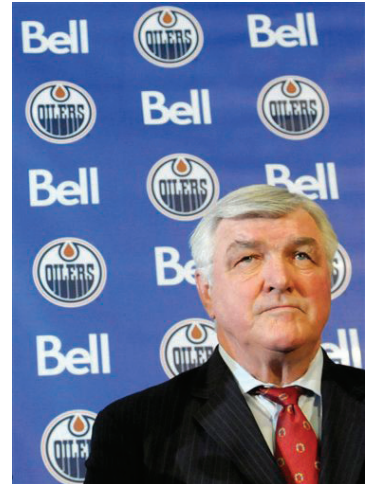
Bryant and Pau Gasol (21 points) kept the Lakers within striking distance. The Lakers cut a 16-point deficit to 102-92 on four Bryant free throws with 3:49 left thanks to technicals on Martin and Anthony. The Nuggets relied on a balanced attack with Anthony ailing —

seven players scored in double digits — and while they still weren't very good from the floor (44 percent), they did work the ball around for better looks, attacked the lane more and got to the line. This accomplished exactly what all those misfirings couldn't in Game 3 — energize the Pepsi Center crowd.

The Nuggets, who haven't lost back-to-back home games all season, were coming off their first loss in the Mile High City since March 9. They knew they blew a golden opportunity 48 hours earlier by trying for the dagger and misfiring on 22 of 27 3-pointers — and after three of the conversions, they gave back a point with technical free throws, no less.

"So, we were really 2-for-27," Nuggets coach George Karl cracked before tip-off.

This time, they shot 7-for-24 from 3-point range. One of them was Billups' pull-up 3 after a steal by Smith that gave Denver an 83-70 lead with 10 minutes to go. □



Pat Quinn attends a news conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The Edmonton Oilers hired Quinn as coach of the NHL hockey team Tuesday, hoping his success with Canada at the world junior championships earlier this year can translate to the pros. Quinn has been out of the league since being fired as coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs following the 2005-06 season.

Associated Press

Pat Quinn hired to coach Oilers

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The Edmonton Oilers Pat Quinn as coach on Tuesday, hoping his gold medal success with Canada at the world junior championships this year can translate to the pros. Quinn has been out of the NFL since being fired as coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs following the 2005-06 season.

"If I think of leadership, I think of Pat," Oilers general manager Steve Tambellini said during a news conference. "If I think of the way you want to be treated as a player, I think of someone like Pat Quinn. If I think of someone who sets an example morally for an organization of how to go forward, I think of a man like Pat Quinn."

The Oilers also picked former New York Rangers coach Tom Renney as associate coach and retained longtime Oiler Kelly Buchberger on staff. □

Serena gets through to 2nd round at French Open

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Serena Williams struggled to close her match at a windy French Open on Tuesday, wasting eight match points before finally beating Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

Second-seeded Williams was broken twice during the second set, including when she was serving for the match at 5-4. At 5-3 with Zakopalova serving, she had five match points but couldn't end it.

"I just played horrendous," Williams said. "I was a little nervous because I hadn't won a match on clay all year."

Zakopalova saved three more match points before holding to 5-3 in the third set, then broke Williams in the next game to get back on serve.

"I think Serena will be playing better and better each round, so it was the best chance to at least play with her or beat her," Zakopalova said. "She's Serena."

Williams completed her Serena Slam at the French Open in 2002, winning her fourth straight Grand Slam title. If she wins at Roland Garros this year, she'll have won three majors in a row after victories at the U.S. Open and the Australian Open. She reached the final at Wimbledon last year, but lost to big sister Venus in the final.

"Now hopefully I'll start playing better," the 10-time Grand Slam champion said.

Fifth-seeded Jelena Jankovic, No. 4 Elena Dementieva and No. 7 Svetlana Kuznetsova also advanced among the women, while No. 4 Novak Djokovic, No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro, No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and 2003 champion Juan Carlos Ferrero made it through on the men's side.

Jankovic dominated her opponent before a 2-hour rain delay, and then did well enough after it to beat Petra Cetkovska of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-3.

The Serb, a recent No. 1, was leading 4-1 when the rain started at Roland Garros. She quickly completed the first set when play resumed and continued to play well

on Cetkovska's serve in the second but was broken twice on her own.

"I was controlling the points ... but then we had to stop because of the rain," Jankovic said. "I felt a little bit slow after the rain delay."

While serving for the match, Jankovic again struggled and was forced to save break points before prevailing.

"The serve was all right. I didn't go for too much," said Jankovic, who added the balls were heavier than usual because of the wet weather. "I just tried to have a high percentage."

Jankovic finished last season as the top-ranked player on the women's tour, but the 24-year-old Serb is still looking to win her first Grand Slam singles title after losing in the final of last year's U.S. Open. Kuznetsova defeated Claire Feuerstein of France 6-1, 6-4. The 2004 U.S. Open champion also dominated before the rain started falling, leading 5-1.

No. 31 Peng Shuai of China was the only seeded woman to lose Tuesday, falling to Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Djokovic advanced when Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador retired while trailing 6-3, 3-1 after injuring his left ankle. Lapentti hurt his ankle while approaching the net at 5-2 in the first set. He called for a trainer but then continued playing. The fourth-seeded Djokovic, who won his fourth career title on clay at this month's Serbia Open, has reached the semifinals at the French Open for the last two years. He also won the 2008 Australian Open.

Del Potro had little trouble in his opening match at Roland Garros, beating Michael Llodra of France 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. The Argentine won four straight ATP titles last year, the first two on clay.

No. 27 Rainer Schuettler of Germany narrowly avoided a "triple bagel" after being shut out in the first two sets of a 6-0, 6-0, 6-4 loss to Marc Gicquel of France.

On Friday, Schuettler lost to Robin Soderling 6-0, 6-0 at the ATP World Team Championship in Germany. □



USA's Serena Williams reacts as she plays Czech Republic's Klara Zakopalova during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday May 26, 2009.

Associated Press

NFL files notice of appeal in Vikings' Williamses case

By STEVE KARNOWSKI

Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL filed notice Tuesday that it plans to appeal a federal judge's ruling in the case of two Minnesota Vikings players facing suspensions over their positive tests for a banned drug.

Last Friday, U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson threw out most of the claims by Vikings defensive tackles Kevin Williams and Pat Williams. He also dismissed a lawsuit brought by the NFL players' union on behalf of the Williamses and three New Orleans Saints players also facing suspension. But Magnuson remanded the Williamses' two remaining claims to state court.

In Tuesday's filing, attorneys for the NFL said they will ask the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals to review whether Magnuson misapplied federal law when he didn't dismiss those two claims outright.

The NFL Players Association and the Williamses say NFL officials knew a weight-loss supplement called StarCaps contained the banned diuretic bumetanide back in 2006, even though it wasn't listed on the label, and that the league



KEVIN WILLIAMS



PAT WILLIAMS

These 2008 season images provided by the NFL, show Minnesota Vikings football players from left, Kevin Williams and Pat Williams.

Associated Press

should have notified players and federal regulators. The NFL bans bumetanide because it can be used as a masking agent for steroids.

The Williamses were not accused of taking steroids.

The Williamses, who are not related, are seeking to have their four-game suspensions overturned, as well as monetary damages. An injunction allowing the Williamses to continue playing remains in place.

In his ruling last Friday,

Magnuson said the NFL's policy is clear: players are ultimately responsible for what they put into their bodies, and inadvertently ingesting a banned substance is not an excuse.

But the judge sent back to state court the Williamses' claims involving Minnesota laws on when and how employers can require their employees to submit to drug testing, and prohibiting Minnesota employers from disciplining employees for using a legal substance offsite during nonworking hours. □

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Milwaukee Brewers' Bill Hall hits the game-winning single during the 10th inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday, May 25, 2009, in Milwaukee. The Brewers won 1-0.

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Big Papi dropped to No. 6 in batting order



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz raises his bat after he struck out looking to end the eighth inning during their 3-2 loss to the New York Mets in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Saturday, May 23, 2009.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — David Ortiz has been dropped

down three spots in the Red Sox' batting order as the slumping Boston designated hitter tries to get back on track.

Ortiz will bat No. 6 against the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night, while right fielder J.D. Drew takes over Big Papi's usual No. 3 spot. Ortiz is hitting .195 on the season with one homer and 18 RBIs. He was benched by Manager Terry Francona for a three-game series in Seattle last weekend and — after going 0 for 12 in a weekend series against the New York Mets — was given the day off Monday for the first game of the series with the Twins. □

NBA preseason returning to Mexico

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA will play a preseason game in Monterrey, Mexico, between the Phoenix Suns and Philadelphia 76ers on Oct. 18.

The game will be the NBA's 18th in Mexico and second in Monterrey. In 2006 in Monterrey, the Golden State Warriors defeated the Denver Nuggets before a sellout crowd. The Suns feature Shaquille O'Neal and Steve Nash, while the 76ers are led by Andre Iguodala and Elton Brand. The NBA already had announced the Chicago Bulls will play the Utah Jazz in London on Oct. 6. So far, the NBA has played 93 games outside of the United States and Canada in 16 countries and territories. □

NL Roundup

Hall's RBI single in 10th gives Brewers 1-0 win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bill Hall hit a two-out, RBI single in the 10th inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers to a 1-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League on Monday. Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter took a perfect game into the seventh inning, and the Brewers' Yovani Gallardo carried a no-hitter into the sixth before each finished allowing just two hits over eight innings.

Milwaukee closer Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect ninth and Carlos Villanueva (2-3) the 10th for the Brewers, setting up Hall's dramatics off St. Louis' Kyle McClellan (2-2).

Casey McGehee reached on an error by third baseman Brian Barden to lead off the 10th. PrinceFielderwasintentionally walked one out later and after a fielder's choice, Hall drove McClellan's pitch to right-center field and wasted no time touching first base before sprinting back in the dugout and into the clubhouse.

Padres 9, Diamondbacks 7, 10 innings

At Phoenix, Chase Headley hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning as San Diego rallied from a six-run deficit to win its 10th straight game.

San Diego, which snapped an 11-game road losing streak, trailed 7-1 entering the eighth inning, but scored five in the eighth, one in the ninth and two in the 10th.

Padres catcher Nick Hundley and manager Bud Black weren't around to watch the impressive finish, both thrown out by home plate umpire Eric Cooper in the bottom of the sixth.

Henry Blanco, who had replaced Hundley, led off the 10th with his second single,

then Headley hit a 1-1 pitch from Tony Pena (4-2) some 424 feet (130 meters) off a sign above the swimming pool in left-center.

Dodgers 16, Rockies 6

At Denver, James Loney, Russell Martin, Juan Castro and Matt Kemp had three hits each as Los Angeles used two big innings — a seven-run fourth and an eight-run seventh — to rout Colorado. Juan Pierre had a bases-loaded triple for the Dodgers, who matched their season high with 19 hits.

Will Ohman (1-0), the third pitcher for Los Angeles, picked up the win.

Brad Hawpe had two doubles and three RBIs for the Rockies. Jorge De La Rosa (0-5) took the loss.

Reds 8, Astros 5

At Cincinnati, Jonny Gomes had three RBIs and Cincinnati made the most of three Houston errors, scoring eight unearned runs.

Gomes had three hits for the Reds, who have won three of four. Jerry Hairston Jr., Ramon Hernandez, Adam Rosales and starter Aaron Harang (5-4) had two hits apiece.

Lance Berkman hit a two-run homer for Houston, which tied a season high with its fifth consecutive loss. Wandy Rodriguez (5-3) was the losing pitcher.

Giants 8, Braves 2

At San Francisco, last-minute lineup addition Travis Ishikawa had a three-run homer among his career-high four hits to lead San Francisco over Atlanta.

Edgar Renteria hit a two-run double three batters after Emmanuel Burriss broke up a scoreless game with a fifth-inning RBI single. The Giants, who had lost five of six and nine of 11, began a six-game

homestand on a positive note following a frustrating 1-5 trip in which all the losses were by one run.

This outing certainly was a boost for Jonathan Sanchez (2-4), who went 0-3 over a six-start winless stretch since his last victory April 17.

Ishikawa's homer in the seventh was his first this season and fourth of his career. He scored on Burriss' single in the fifth off Javier Vazquez (4-4), whose wild pitch allowed Ishikawa to reach third after he stole second.

Marlins 5, Phillies 3

At Philadelphia, Wes Helms homered and drove in four runs to lead Florida past Philadelphia.

Chris Volstad (4-3) allowed three runs and six hits. Matt Lindstrom finished for his ninth save in 11 chances.

Ryan Howard hit a pair of homers for the NL East-leading Phillies, while Jamie Moyer failed in his fifth try to earn his 250th win.

At New York, Gary Sheffield hit a disputed, tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth inning that was upheld by a video review as New York downed Washington.

Carlos Beltran was back in center field after moving to designated hitter for the weekend series at Boston's Fenway Park because of a sore right knee, and Ramon Martinez played shortstop despite a sore lower back.

In other NL games it was, Cincinnati 8, Houston 5; Milwaukee 1, St. Louis 0, 10 innings; L.A. Dodgers 16, Colorado 6; San Diego 9, Arizona 7, 10 innings; San Francisco 8, Atlanta 2; Florida 5, Philadelphia 3; N.Y. Mets 5, Washington 2; and Pittsburgh 10, Chicago Cubs 8. □



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Líderes opositores Bolivia buscan candidato único contra Morales

SUCRE, Bolivia (Reuters) - Los líderes opositores regionales de Bolivia llamaron el martes a definir, a más tardar en junio, un "frente amplio" con un candidato único para enfrentar al presidente izquierdista Evo Morales en comicios generales previstos para el 6 de diciembre.

Con esa estrategia la oposición intentará en una carrera contra el tiempo quitar votos a Morales, quien buscará la reelección y que según diversas encuestas goza del respaldo mayoritario de la población.

La búsqueda de un frente común opositor fue decidida en la ciudad sureña de Sucre, un día después de que dos celebraciones paralelas del bicentenario del llamado primer grito libertario de América acentuaran el distanciamiento entre el gobernante izquierdista y los conservadores que se oponen a su línea indigenista y socialista.

Los prefectos de los departamentos de Santa Cruz, Tarija, Beni y Chuquisaca, quienes encabezaron la celebración en Sucre ante la ausencia de Morales, dijeron tras un encuentro de más de tres horas que ninguno de ellos será candidato presidencial o para vicepresidente en diciembre.

"Este renunciamento público que hoy hacemos nos habilita moralmente para buscar un frente amplio", dijo Mario Cossío, prefecto del rico distrito gasífero de Tarija.

El prefecto de Santa Cruz, Rubén Costas, quien era considerado hasta ahora uno de los precandidatos más fuertes de la oposición, convocó para el 12 de junio a un "encuentro nacional" de los grupos opositores a Morales para conformar la alianza electoral y designar a sus candidatos.

El frente opositor "abarcará desde la izquierda democrática hasta la derecha progresista", dijo Costas.

La negativa de los cuatro prefectos opositores a ser candidatos, sumada a similar decisión anunciada previamente por el ex mandatario Carlos Mesa, deja como uno de los principales aspirantes a enfrentar a Morales al ex vicepresidente Víctor Hugo Cárdenas, un indígena aymara con carrera académica.

Además de Cárdenas -quien fue vicepresidente de Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada en un Gobierno que llevó a cabo la mayor ola de privatizaciones de la historia boliviana- quienes han anunciado sus intenciones de candidatura son el populista alcalde de la ciudad de Potosí, René Joaquino, y el ex dirigente campesino Alejo Véliz.

Otros potenciales candidatos de la oposición son el ex presidente derechista Jorge Quiroga, su hasta ahora aliado el presidente del Senado Oscar Ortiz y el magnate del cemento y las hamburguesas Samuel Doria Medina. □



El prefecto de Santa Cruz, Rubén Costas, durante una conferencia de prensa sobre las próximas elecciones presidenciales Sucre, Bolivia, 26 mayo 2009. REUTERS/David Mercado

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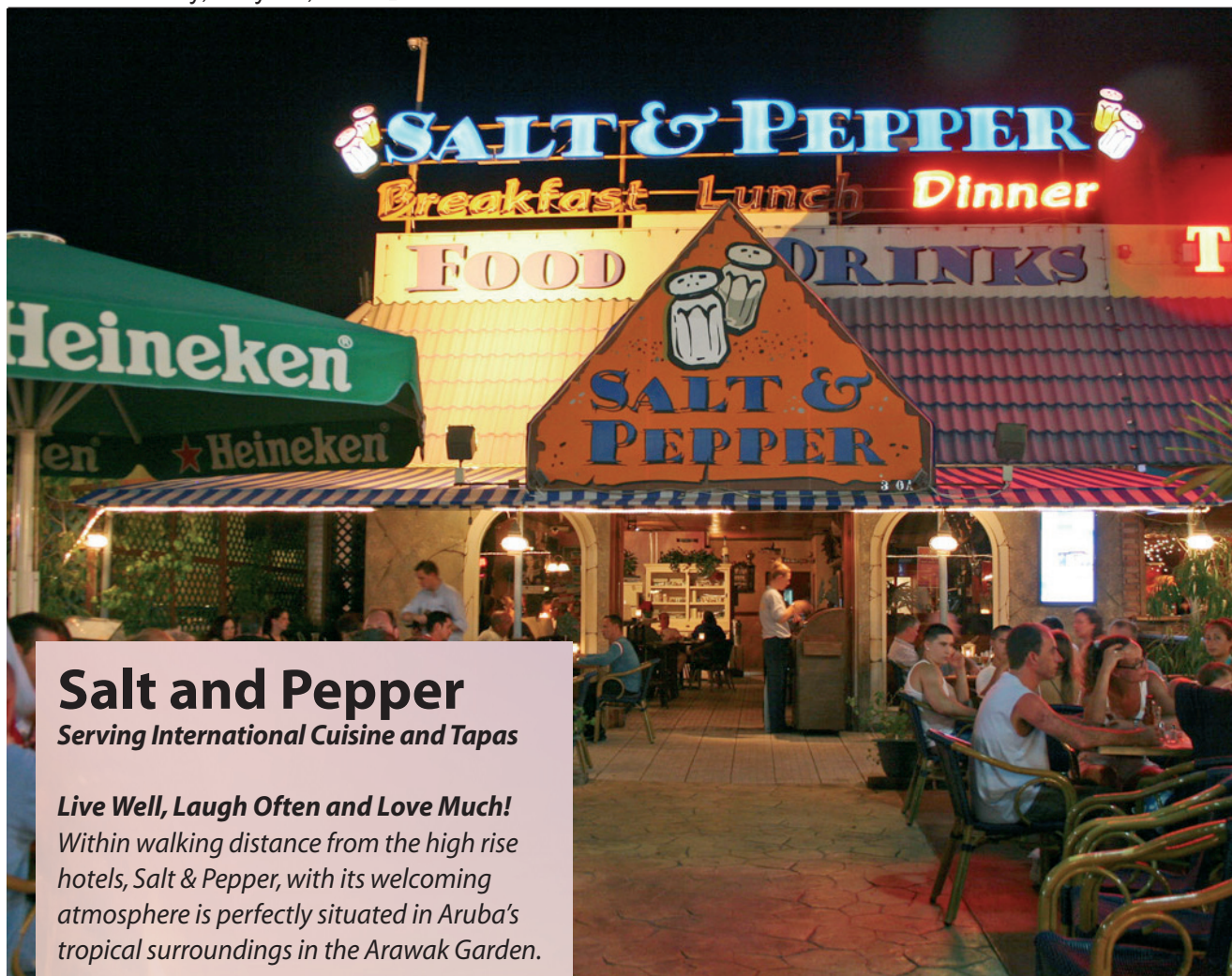
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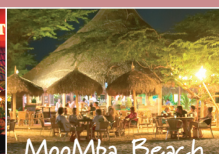
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